

REMARKS

Applicants are pleased to note that claims 1-3 and 6-16 have been allowed. Furthermore, the Examiner has indicated that claims 33 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form so as to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 25-28 and 33 have been without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter, and claims 4, 5 and 24 have been amended. Thus, claims 1-16, 24, 29-32 and 34 are pending in the application.

Claims 4-5 and 26-28 have been objected to under 37 CFR § 1.75 (c) as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Furthermore, various claims have been rejected under 35 USC § 103 as obvious over Kawamura et al. in view of Cooper et al. or obvious over Psarski in view of Cooper et al. for the reasons stated in sections 10 and 11 of the Office Action.

By this Amendment, claims 4 and 5 have been amended, claim 24 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 25 and 33, and claims 25-28 and 33 canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter.

Accordingly, it is submitted that all of the claims now present in the application meet

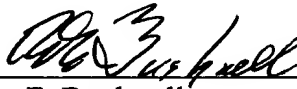
all of the statutory requirements of 35 USC § 112 as to form and should therefore now be in a condition suitable for allowance.

It is to be noted that the filing of this Substitute Amendment After Final is for the sake of expediency and should not be construed as acquiescing to the rejections and objections contained within the Final Office Action.

No other issues remaining, reconsideration and favorable action upon all of the claims now present in the application is respectfully requested.

A petition for a one month extension of time and an Applicant's check in the amount of \$110.00 drawn to the order of Commissioner accompanies this response. Should the petition become lost, the Commissioner is requested to treat this paragraph as a petition for an extension of time, and should the check become lost, be deficient in payment, or should other fees be incurred, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-4943 of Applicant's undersigned attorney in the amount of such fees.

Respectfully submitted,



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